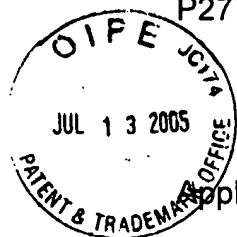


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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application,  
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